

B¹ -- FIG. 1A to 1I shows the nucleotide sequence (top sequence) and the deduced amino acid sequence (bottom sequence) of the full length 98 kDa putative outer membrane protein gene (SEQ ID NO: 1) and the processed sequence from *Chlamydia pneumoniae* (SEQ ID NO: 2). --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9, pg. 8 with the following:

B² -- FIG. 2A to 2H shows the restriction enzyme analysis of nucleotide sequence encoding the *C. pneumoniae* 98 kDa putative outer membrane protein gene. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 13, pg. 16 with the following:

B³ -- A recombinant expression system can be selected from prokaryotic and eukaryotic hosts. Eukaryotic hosts include yeast cells (*e.g.*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* or *Pichia pastoris*), mammalian cells (*e.g.*, COS1, NIH3T3, or JEG3 cells), arthropods cells (*e.g.*, *Spodoptera frugiperda* (SF9) cells), and plant cells. Preferably, a prokaryotic host such as *E. coli* is used. Bacterial and eukaryotic cells are available from a number of different sources to those skilled in the art, *e.g.*, the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC; 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209). --

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 17 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

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3. (Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 2 wherein the fusion polypeptide is a heterologous signal peptide.
4. (Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 2 wherein the polynucleotide encodes a functional fragment of the polypeptide having the SEQ ID NO: 2.
- B⁵ sub C¹
5. (Amended) The host cell of claim 12, wherein said host cell is a prokaryotic cell.
- B⁶ sub C¹
6. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising an immunologically effective amount of the vaccine vector of claim 16.